

630 NORTH WILKINSON STREET (HOUSE)  
Charlton/Wilkinson Impact Area  
Milledgeville  
Baldwin County  
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U. S. G. S. Milledgeville Quadrangle (7.5)  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
17.291700.3663060

Significance:

The house at 630 North Wilkinson Street is a representative example of early-to-mid-twentieth century worker's housing in an African-American Milledgeville neighborhood. The vicinity developed in response to both the coming of the railroad in the late-1800s and to turn-of-the-century business and industrial growth nearby.

Description:

The house at 630 North Wilkinson Street is a one-story, side-gable dwelling with a full-width shed extension to the rear and a gabled front porch which is slightly less than full-width and has been screened. The front portion of the house conforms to the Saddlebag house type defined as two rooms flanking a central chimney, often with a door into each room as is the case here; it is possible that the dwelling originally consisted of only these two rooms. The dimensions of the front portion are 35'-8" in width by 14'-0" in depth. The rear shed extension measures 35'-8" by 13'-0". A single small room and screened porch have been added to the extension. Nearly all windows are six-over-six double-hung sash, but those in the front portion are larger than the windows in the extension and the small rear room. The house rests on a concrete block foundation, which is not original, and the roof material is asphalt shingle. The exterior of the dwelling has been covered with aluminum siding.

The interior of the house originally contained a fireplace in each of the two front rooms, but both have been closed in and are no longer functional. Interior walls have been covered with nonhistoric paneling.

History:

The subject house was constructed circa 1920-1925 by an unknown builder. The original occupant is likewise unknown. Gertrude Young White acquired the property in 1947 and remained the owner till 1974 when Mattie P. Gilmore and Mattie Lue Hill obtained the property. The 1956-1957 Milledgeville City Directory lists McKinley Hill, a laborer, and his wife Mattie as

residents. The 1966 City Directory lists Mattie L. Hill as resident. In 1974 Mattie L. Hill willed her house to her children Mary Lillian Preston, Mattie P. Gilmore, Annie L. Taylor McKinley Hill, Jr. and Willie C. Hill. The house first appeared on the 1926 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map and is now vacant.

The subject property is located in a historically black working class neighborhood located just north of the Baldwin County Courthouse and Georgia College. The existence of this neighborhood can be attributed to several events, the first being the coming of the Georgia Railroad in the late-nineteenth century. The railroad was constructed just two blocks north of the 600 block of North Wilkinson Street and the depot was located three blocks to the east. An industrial district developed in the vicinity of the railroad and provided employment opportunities for many blacks. From the 1920s to the post-Second World War era, the neighborhood experienced considerable growth as industry expanded. Milledgeville Ice Works, Milledgeville Cottonseed Oil Company and Mills, The Cook Lumber Company, Fowler-Flimister Coal Company, Oconee Clay Products Company, and the Georgia Railroad Power Company are just some of the businesses that developed near the railroad. Milledgeville's black business district, which, like the railroad and industrial area, provides nearby economic opportunities, is located to the east of the Baldwin County Courthouse.

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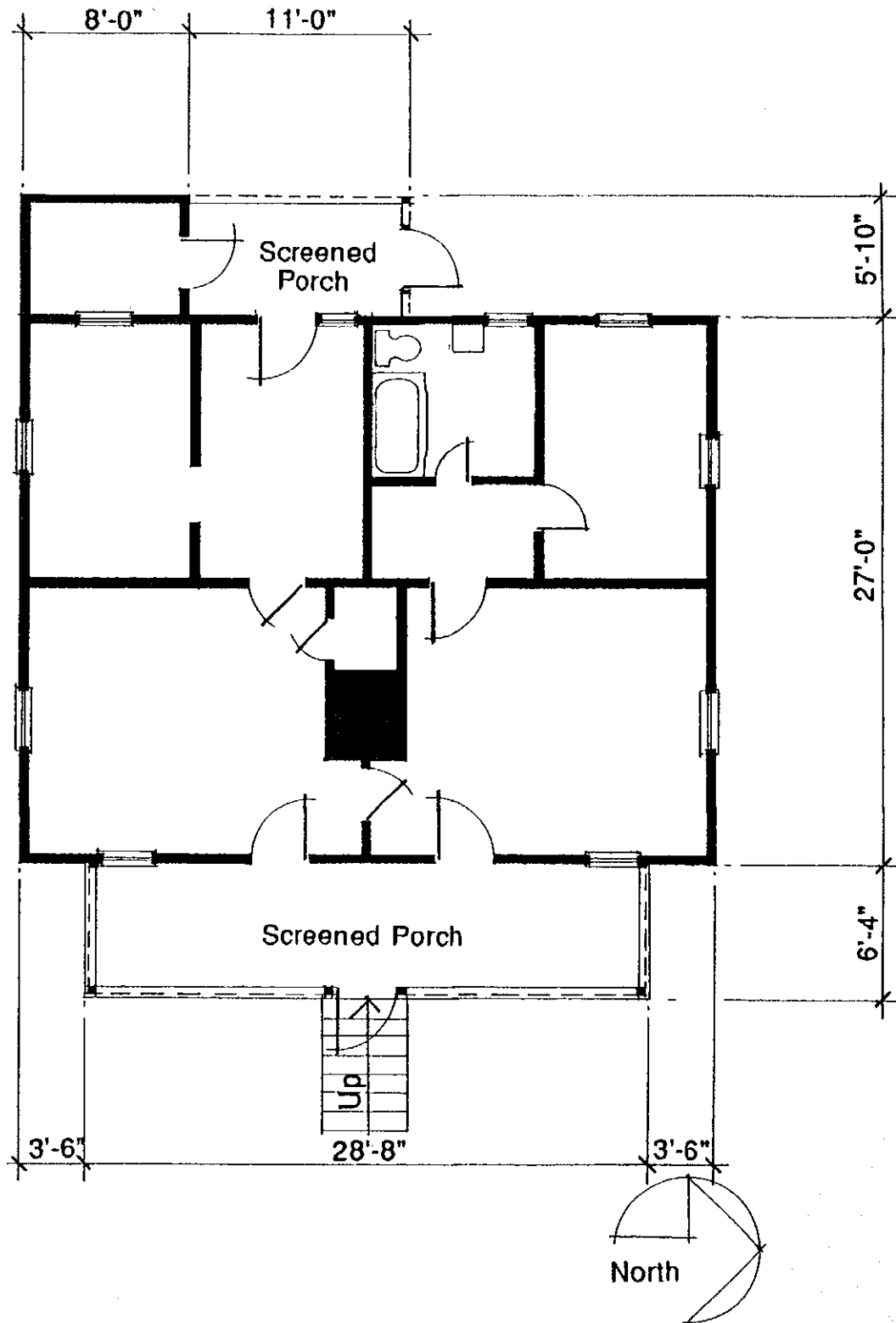
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